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April 10, 2025

TO: City of Coral Gables
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RE: LETTER OF INTENT, CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS TO PERMIT BLDR-24-06-5663
A Designated historic Single-Family Residence 6710 Le Jeune Road

Members of the Historic Preservation Board:

The subject property began its application process an as a Code enforcement violation before the Code Enforcement Board ("CEB") March 13, 2023 under NOVI-23-05-2009 for work without a permit for exterior stucco and painting of walls & windows.

The subject property is an approximately 5,871 sq.ft. two-level, single-family residence designated under ordinance no.2738 in 1987.

The subject property has pursued a building permit application for window replacements since June 11, 2024, under permit BLDR-24-06-5663. The application was notified April 9, 2025, 476 working days since receiving the initial violation that a Certificate of Appropriateness ("COA") for the after-the-fact installed window tint and reflectivity would be required.

The architect advises the window samples provided by the applicant consist of the same clear, Low-E glazing routinely approved at staff level, however, the applicant has installed window treatments on the interior side that give the appearance of higher reflectivity when viewed from the exterior. The architect also advises the interior window treatments are not prohibited by the City of



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Coral Gables code of ordinances, the Florida Building Code, the Florida Fire Prevention Code and is not under the purview of the Historic Preservation Board.

The Historic Preservation Board opining on the use of interior window treatments would be an over extension of its authority and unnecessarily delays the applicant's ability to comply with an order made by the CEB May 15, 2024.

The applicant urges staff to please consider the applicant's efforts and application history to expedite the subject application to Historic Preservation Board for the purpose of mitigating fines that have been unnecessarily imposed by Code Enforcement.

Enclosed as part of this application is a set of drawings including floor plans, elevations and a DOOR AND WINDOW SCHEDULE, photos and a USB with electronic copies. Additional samples or documents can be provided upon request.

This document serves as our Letter of Intent, should you have any further questions, or require additional clarification, please do not hesitate to contact my associate Angela A. Anzola at extension 500 or me anytime at extension 504.

Respectfully submitted,

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